Remarks:

Six (6) claims remain in this patent application.

Amended claim 1 now includes the subject matter of prior claims 1 to 4. Moreover, the informality in the wording of claim 2 objected to by the Examiner under 35 USC 112 has also been corrected. Accordingly, amended claim 1 should be found allowable, as kindly suggested by the Examiner.

Claims 2 to 4 have therefore been cancelled.

Claims 5 and 6 remain unchanged. Since they are dependent upon already allowable claim 1, they should be found allowable for the same reasons.

Amended claim 7 now includes the subject matter of prior claims 7 to 10. Moreover, the informality in the wording of claim 8 objected to by the Examiner under 35 USC 112 has also been corrected. Accordingly, amended claim 7 should now be found allowable, as kindly suggested by the Examiner.

Claims 8 to 10 have therefore been cancelled.

Claims 11 and 12 remain unchanged. Since they are dependent upon already allowable claim 7, they should be found allowable for the same reasons.

If any other minor matter needs to be resolved, the Examiner is kindly requested to call the undersigned at phone number 514 861 4831 so as to proceed by way of Examiner's amendment in view of expediting issue of the Notice of Allowance on this patent application for which allowable subject matter has already been identified.

Very truly yours,

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It is hereby certified that this amendment paper, consisting of five (5) sheets, is being facsimile transmitted to the United States patent and trademark office on July 27, 2010.

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